TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

FISH AND SHELLFISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

ADV-30

This advisory is issued as a result of sampling of Canyon Lake, Comal County. Longnose gar and striped bass samples collected from Canyon Lake indicate the presence of mercury at concentrations exceeding health assessment guidelines established by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Consumption of fish from Canyon Lake may pose a threat to human health.

COUNTY:

Comal County

AREA:

Canyon Lake

SPECIES AFFECTED:

Longnose gar and striped bass

CONSUMPTION ADVISORY:

The DSHS advises that adults should limit consumption of longnose gar and striped bass to no more than two eight ounce meals per month and children under twelve years old should limit consumption of longnose gar and striped bass to no more than two four ounce meals per month. Women who are of childbearing age, who are or who might become pregnant, or who are nursing should not consume longnose gar or

striped bass from Canyon Lake.

This advisory shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified in writing.

Issued this Hay of October, 2006

Charles E. Bell, M.D. Acting Commissioner